

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 14-19 stand rejected under 35 USC §101 as allegedly directed toward non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-13 and 21 are allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format. Although Applicants cannot agree with the statutory subject matter evaluation of record, based on Applicants' best understanding of the rejection history for statutory subject matter, Applicants have accordingly moved into independent claim 14 the wording understood to be important to this Examiner for defining statutory subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believes that claims 1-21, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,



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